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FOOD STAMP PROCESSING AVAILABLE THROUGH MARCH 19 IN SIX INDIANA DISASTER COUNTIES

(INDIANAPOLIS) – Indiana Family and Social Services (FSSA) will continue processing applications for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) disaster food stamps through **Monday, March 19, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., at the One Stop Shop (OSS) located in Sellersburg, Ind.**, located on the first floor of Ogle Hall, Ivy Tech campus in Sellersburg, near I-65 and Highway 311 (I-65 Exit 9). The OSS is Indiana's central resource center for disaster aid.

Disaster food stamps applications also will be accepted through **Monday, March 19, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at FSSA Division of Family Resources (DFR) offices located in the six southern Indiana counties** declared as federal disaster areas (addresses listed below).

Persons may qualify for federal disaster food stamp assistance if they lost food or are in need of food due to the severe storms and tornados from Feb. 29 through March 3. **To qualify, recipients must reside in one of the following zip codes in Clark, Jefferson, Ripley, Scott, Warrick or Washington Counties:**

Borden and Daisy Hill, 47106 (Clark County)
Henryville, 47126 (Clark County)
Otisco, 47163 (Clark County)
Marysville, 47141 (Clark County)
Memphis, 47143 (Clark County)
Nabb, 47147 (Clark and Scott Counties)
Chelsea and Lexington, 47138 (Jefferson and Scott Counties)
Osgood, 47037 (Ripley County)
Holton, 47023 (Ripley County)
Newburgh, 47630 (Warrick County)
Fredericksburg, 47120 (Washington County)
Pekin, 47165 (Washington County)

Persons living in these zip codes who are not usually eligible for food stamps may temporarily qualify if their home or belongings were damaged or destroyed, and they have un-reimbursed disaster-related expenses, OR if they have lost income, food or money as a result of the severe storms and tornados. To receive disaster food stamps, federal regulations require applicants to provide:

- A driver's license or other picture ID including the address of residence at the time of the disaster
- OR two documents providing proof of identity and residency including: utility bills, tax bills, insurance policies
- OR other documents that establish the applicant's home or work address

EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT FOOD STAMPS FOR CURRENT RECIPIENTS

Persons already receiving food stamps must apply by March 22 for replacement of food lost as a result of the severe storms and tornados from February 29 through March 3. Persons already receiving food stamps and who are not at their maximum allotment may be eligible for disaster benefits up to the maximum allotment.

Federal regulations require the state to conduct a post-disaster review of applications to determine correctness of eligibility for disaster benefits. If benefits are received fraudulently or in error, benefits will have to be repaid. Any recipient in violation of federal food stamp rules may be fined up to \$250,000, imprisoned up to 20 years, or both, and may be subject to prosecution under other federal or state laws.

DFR offices locations:

Clark County DFR

1021 Youngstown Shopping Center
Jeffersonville, IN 47130-4253

Jefferson County DFR

493 W. Hutchinson Lane, Suite A
Madison, IN 47250-7830

Ripley County DFR

888 S. Adams St
Versailles, IN 4704

Scott County DFR

1048 W. Community Way
Scottsburg, IN 47170-7768

Warrick County DFR

911 W. Main St
Boonville, IN 47601

Washington County DFR

711 Anson Street, Suite 101
Salem, IN 47167-2235